

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1294

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to health care services.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 376.412 and 376.435, to read as follows:

**376.412. Every health carrier, as defined in section 376.1350, that offers pharmaceutical coverage shall provide enrollees with a ninety-day supply of medication prescribed for chronic illnesses if such quantity is authorized by a licensed physician. Coverage pursuant to this section shall be subject to the same deductible and co-payment as apply to other prescriptions in the policy, contract or plan.**

**376.435. 1. If a health care provider receives a payment from a patient, insurance company or any third party for services rendered on an account which has been turned over to a collection entity, the health care provider shall inform such collection entity of the receipt of a payment.**

**2. Nonpayment for services rendered to a patient by a health care provider shall not be placed on the patient's credit report, if:**

- (1) An insurance company or other third-party payor, on behalf of the patient, is responsible for the payment of services rendered to the patient by a health care provider; and**
- (2) The insurance company or third-party payor fails to make the payment for any reason other than a nonpayment caused by an act of the patient.**